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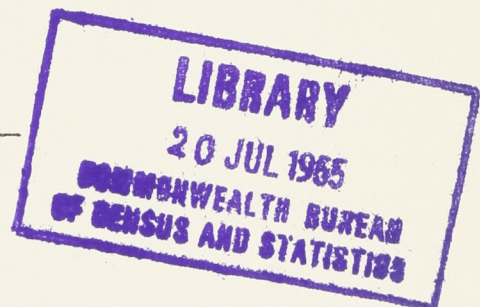
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This Bulletin contains an analysis, in summary form, of the non-indigenous population and dwellings of Nauru as enumerated at the Census of 30th June, 1954.

Particulars shown for the population relate to age, conjugal condition, birthplace, period of residence in Nauru of persons born outside Nauru, nationality, religion, industry and occupational status. Particulars of dwellings relate to class of dwelling, material of outer walls, number of rooms, number of inmates, and nature of occupancy.

All information in this Bulletin is exclusive of particulars of the indigenous population and the dwellings occupied solely by it.

When the 1947 Census was held, the buildings, installations and equipment on Nauru were being rehabilitated following the damage suffered during the war in the Pacific, and conditions on the island had not been restored to normal. In these circumstances, adult males of working age were naturally predominant in the population, and the number of females and children were few. When making any comparisons of 1954 Census figures with those of 1947, therefore, these factors must be borne in mind. Another factor affecting comparison is that for a large proportion of the population at the 1947 Census, namely, Chinese and Gilbert and Ellice Islanders, details of characteristics were not available.

PART A. - NON-INDIGENOUS POPULATION OF THE TERRITORY OF NAURU,CENSUS 30TH JUNE, 1954.

1. Summary of Population. The total non-indigenous population of Nauru increased by 11 per cent. from 1,476 persons at 30th June, 1947 to 1,645 persons at 30th June, 1954. The number of males, however, decreased by 10 per cent. from 1,413 to 1,269, while the number of females increased by almost 500 per cent., from 63 to 376. The overall decrease in males was due mainly to the fewer number of males of Chinese birthplace in Nauru at the 1954 Census as compared with the 1947 Census, partially offset by an increase in the number of males of Polynesian birthplace. The increase in the numbers of females was general.

2. Age. The following table shows the non-indigenous population of Nauru classified according to age.

TABLE 1. - TERRITORY OF NAURU : AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION
AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
 (Exclusive of Indigenous Population)

Age last Birthday (years)	Census 30th June, 1947.			Census 30th June, 1954.				
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons		
						Total	Percent. on Total	Increase or Decrease (-) since 1947
0-4	8	7	15	77	66	143	8.69	128
5-9	10	7	17	65	45	110	6.69	93
10-14	1	1	2	26	21	47	2.86	45
15-19	8	1	9	79	14	93	5.65	84
20-24	134	1	135	187	31	218	13.25	83
25-29	504	5	509	210	47	257	15.62	- 252
30-34	356	8	364	179	53	232	14.10	- 132
35-39	197	9	206	150	35	185	11.25	- 21
40-44	77	7	84	134	26	160	9.73	76
45-49	35	7	42	77	16	93	5.65	51
50-54	20	3	23	58	10	68	4.13	45
55-59	8	-	8	15	4	19	1.16	11
60-64	5	-	5	7	3	10	0.61	5
65 & over	-	-	-	5	5	10	0.61	10
Not Stated	(a) 50	(a) 7	(a) 57	-	-	-	-	- 57
Total	1,413	63	1,476	1,269	376	1,645	100.00	169
Under 21	27	17	44	284	151	435	26.44	391
21-49	1,303	36	1,339	900	203	1,103	67.05	- 236
50 & over	33	3	36	85	22	107	6.51	71
Not Stated	(a) 50	(a) 7	(a) 57	-	-	-	-	- 57
Total	1,413	63	1,476	1,269	376	1,645	100.00	169

(a) Includes 44 male and 7 female Gilbert and Ellice Islanders for whom information was not available.

3. Conjugal Condition. The following table shows the non-indigenous population of Nauru classified according to conjugal condition.

TABLE 2. - TERRITORY OF NAURU : CONJUGAL CONDITION OF THE POPULATION

AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of Indigenous Population)

Conjugal Condition	Census 30th June, 1947.			Census 30th June, 1954.		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Never Married -						
Under 15 years of age	19	15	34	168	132	300
15 years of age and over	61	3	64	492	31	523
Total	80	18	98	660	163	823
Married (a)	123	36	159	541	204	745
Widowed	4	1	5	48	7	55
Divorced	1	-	1	9	2	11
Not Stated	(b) 1,205	(b) 8	(b) 1,213	11	-	11
Total	1,413	63	1,476	1,269	376	1,645

(a) Includes married but permanently separated.

(b) Includes 1,159 male and 1 female Chinese and 44 male and 7 female Gilbert and Ellice Islanders for whom information was not available.

At the 1954 Census 50 per cent. of the population of Nauru stated its conjugal condition as never married, and 45 per cent. as married. Effective comparison with the 1947 Census is not possible, because of the large proportion then of persons for whom conjugal condition was not stated.

4. Birthplace. The following table shows the birthplaces of the population of Nauru at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 3. - TERRITORY OF NAURU : BIRTHPLACES OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

(Exclusive of Indigenous Population)

Birthplace	Census 30th June, 1947.			Census 30th June, 1954.			
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
						Total	Increase or Decrease (-) since 1947
Australasia -							
Australia	110	37	147	98	93	191	44
Nauru	5	5	10	35	31	66	56
New Zealand	9	2	11	6	5	11	-
Total Australasia	124	44	168	139	129	268	100
Europe -							
England	33	9	42	16	9	25	- 17
Wales	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Scotland	9	1	10	7	1	8	- 2
Ireland	-	-	-	2	1	3	3
Other	4	-	4	2	-	2	- 2
Total Europe	46	10	56	28	11	39	- 17
Asia -							
China	-	-	-	360	23	383	383
Hong Kong	1,161	2	(a) 1,163	126	23	149	- 1,014
India, Pakistan, Ceylon	37	-	37	1	-	1	- 36
Other	-	-	-	7	-	7	7
Total Asia	1,198	2	1,200	494	46	540	- 660
Africa - Total	-	-	-	2	1	3	3
America - Total	1	-	1	3	2	5	4
Polynesia - Total	44	7	51	603	187	790	739
GRAND TOTAL	1,413	63	1,476	1,269	376	1,645	169

(a) Chinese for whom reliable information is not available, although the majority are said to have been born in Hong Kong.

At 30th June, 1954 the Nauruan-born portion of the non-indigenous population of

Nauru represented 4 per cent. of the total. Approximately 48 per cent. were born in Polynesia, 33 per cent. in Asian countries (principally China), 11.6 per cent. were Australian-born, and 2.4 per cent. were European-born (principally in England). At 30th June, 1947 the proportions were: Nauruan-born, 0.7 per cent.; in Polynesia, 3.5 per cent.; Asian countries, 81 per cent.; Australia, 10 per cent.; Europe, 3.8 per cent.

5. Period of Residence in Nauru of persons born outside Nauru. The following table sets out details of the period of residence in Nauru of persons born outside Nauru. Of the 1,579 persons of the 1954 population born outside Nauru, 1,106 (or about 70 per cent) have resided on the Island for less than 7 years. Effective comparison with the 1947 Census is not possible, because of the large proportion of persons then for whom period of residence was not stated.

TABLE 4. - TERRITORY OF NAURU : PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN NAURU OF PERSONS WHO WERE NOT BORN IN NAURU, CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of Indigenous Population)

Period of Residence	Census 30th June, 1947.			Census 30th June, 1954.			
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
						Total	Increase or Decrease (-) since 1947
Under 1 year	126	15	141	288	101	389	248
1 year and under 2 years	21	1	22	35	30	65	43
2 years " " 3 "	3	2	5	130	77	207	202
3 " " " 4 "	4	1	5	162	30	192	187
4 " " " 5 "	1	1	2	81	14	95	93
Total, Under 5 years	155	20	175	696	252	948	773
5 years and under 6 years	3	4	7	72	7	79	72
6 " " " 7 "	2	2	4	75	4	79	75
7 " " " 8 "	1	4	5	95	6	101	96
8 " " " 9 "	8	5	13	178	12	190	158
9 " " " 10 "	3	1	4				
10 " " " 15 "	11	4	15				
Total, 5 years and under 15 years	28	20	48	420	29	449	401
15 years and over	15	8	23	73	23	96	73
Not Stated	(a) 1,210	(a) 10	(a) 1,220	45	41	86	- 1,134
Born outside Nauru	1,408	58	1,466	1,234	345	1,579	113
Born in Nauru	5	5	10	35	31	66	56
Total	1,413	63	1,476	1,269	376	1,645	169

(a) Includes 1,161 male and 2 female Chinese and 44 male and 7 female Gilbert and Ellice Islanders for whom information was not available.

6. Nationality (i.e. Allegiance). At the Census of 30th June, 1954, 1,093 persons (767 males, 326 females) or 66 per cent. of the non-indigenous population of Nauru were of British nationality. Almost all of the remainder, 551 persons (501 males, 50 females) were of Chinese nationality.

7. Religion. The following table sets out particulars of the religions of those non-indigenous persons who answered this question (which was not obligatory), at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.

The greatest numerical and proportional increases since the Census of 1947 occurred in respect of the Congregational and the Roman Catholic and Catholic (so described) religions. The proportion of the population stating their adherence to Christian religions was 66 per cent. in 1954 compared with less than 14 per cent. in 1947.

TABLE 5. - TERRITORY OF NAURU : RELIGIONS OF THE POPULATION AT THE
CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of Indigenous Population)

Religion	Census 30th June, 1947.			Census 30th June, 1954.			
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
						Total	Increase or Decrease (-) since 1947
Christian -							
Catholic, Roman (a)	25	7	32	195	74	269	237
Catholic (a)	4	3	7	7	12	19	12
Church of England	84	33	117	75	54	129	12
Congregational	2	-	2	429	133	562	560
Methodist	8	4	12	8	6	14	2
Presbyterian	22	3	25	17	18	35	10
Protestant (undefined)	1	-	1	22	22	44	43
Christian (undefined)	5	3	8	10	4	14	6
Total Christian	151	53	204	763	323	1,086	882
Other, Not Stated, etc.	(b)1,262	(b) 10	(b) 1,272	506	53	559	- 713
GRAND TOTAL	1,413	63	1,476	1,269	376	1,645	169

(a) So described on individual Census Schedules.

(b) Includes 44 male and 7 female Gilbert and Ellice Islanders for whom no information was available.

8. Industry and Occupational Status. At 30th June, 1954, 1,035 males, or 82 per cent. of the entire male non-indigenous population (1,269) of Nauru, were engaged in the phosphate quarrying industry. Of the remaining 60 males in the work force, 46 were engaged in public authority and professional activities. Males not in the work force numbered 174 (14 per cent.). Of the total of 376 non-indigenous females in Nauru at 30th June, 1954, 350 or 93 per cent. were not in the work force. At 30th June, 1947 the major proportion of the non-indigenous population of Nauru was engaged in post-war rehabilitation activities, general services, transportation and labouring duties or in the phosphate industry.

Almost the entire non-indigenous population in the work force of Nauru at 30th June, 1954 was engaged in industry in the capacity of employee.

PART B. - DWELLINGS OF THE NON-INDIGENOUS POPULATION IN THE TERRITORY
OF NAURU, CENSUS 30TH JUNE, 1954.

1. Dwellings according to Class. For the purpose of the Census a dwelling is any habitation occupied by a household group living together as a domestic unit, whether comprising the whole or only part of a building.

Occupied dwellings are classified into private and other dwellings.

Private dwellings comprise mainly private houses (including sheds, huts, etc. used for dwelling purposes), shares of private houses, flats, etc.

Unoccupied Dwellings refer to completed dwellings temporarily or otherwise vacant at Census date.

Dwellings being built refer to unoccupied dwellings being built at Census date.

Occupied private houses constituted more than 93 per cent. of all occupied dwellings of the non-indigenous population of the Territory of Nauru, and all occupied private dwellings constituted more than 95 per cent. thereof. The total of occupied private houses at 30th June, 1954 represented an increase of 41, or almost 79 per cent. on the total as at 30th June, 1947.

TABLE 6. - TERRITORY OF NAURU : DWELLINGS ACCORDING TO CLASS
AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of Dwellings occupied solely by Indigenous Population)

Class of Dwelling.	Census 30th June, 1947.	Census 30th June, 1954
Occupied Dwellings -		
Private Dwellings -		
Private House -		
House)	52	(86
Shed, Hut, etc.)		(7
Total, Private Houses	52	93
Other	-	2
Total, Private Dwellings	52	95
Dwellings other than Private -		
Hotel, Boarding House, etc.	-	-
Other	2	4
Total, Other Dwellings	2	4
Total, Occupied Dwellings	54	99
Unoccupied Dwellings	9	13
Dwellings being Built	10	-
GRAND TOTAL	73	112

2. Private Houses according to Material of Outer Walls. Occupied private houses with walls of fibro-cement represented 60 per cent. of the total occupied private houses at 30th June, 1954, compared with 44 per cent. in 1947. Concrete-walled private houses represented 25 per cent. of the total in 1954, compared with 40 per cent. in 1947.

TABLE 7. - TERRITORY OF NAURU : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES (a) CLASSIFIED
ACCORDING TO MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of private houses occupied solely by Indigenous Population)

At Census of 30th June -	Material of Outer Walls.							Total
	Brick	Stone	Concrete	Wood	Iron	Fibro- Cement	Other and Not Stated	
1947	1	-	21	3	1	23	3	52
1954	4	-	23	8	2	56	-	93

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, Etc.

3. Private Houses according to Number of Rooms. There were 82 occupied private houses of 4, 5 or 6 rooms in Nauru at the Census of 30th June, 1954, representing 88 per cent. of the total, compared with 42, or 81 per cent. in 1947.

TABLE 8. - TERRITORY OF NAURU : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES (a) CLASSIFIED
 ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF ROOMS PER HOUSE AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
 (Exclusive of private houses occupied solely by Indigenous Population)

At Census of 30th June -	Number of Rooms							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	
1947	3	7	4	11	31	-	-	52
1954	2	-	8	38	30	14	1	93

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc.

4. Private Houses according to Number of Inmates. The greatest increases since the 1947 Census were in respect of houses with 2, 3 and 5 inmates. The group with 2 to 5 inmates (76 houses) comprised 82 per cent. of the total occupied private houses in 1954, compared with 40 houses, 77 per cent. in 1947.

TABLE 9. - TERRITORY OF NAURU : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES (a) CLASSIFIED
 ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF INMATES AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
 (Exclusive of private houses occupied solely by Indigenous Population)

At Census of 30th June -	Number of Inmates							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	
1947	11	18	11	10	1	1	-	52
1954	8	26	23	12	15	4	5	93

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc.

5. Private Houses according to Nature of Occupancy. Of all occupied private houses of the non-indigenous population of Nauru at 30th June, 1954, 10 per cent. were shown as occupied by owners and 88 per cent. by tenants.

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